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## YOUTH ART CONTEST TO SUPPORT THE MASON COUNTY FAIR CENTENNIAL

SHELTON, WA – 2008 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mason County Fair. This year there are a lot of exciting additions to celebrate the centennial. Along with another year of heart stopping rodeo action; the fair will feature carnival rides, a concert with leading country star. Trent Tomlison and free gate admission!

This year the 2008 Fair is also hosting a youth art contest open to all Mason County residents 18 and under. Judging will be based upon relevance to fair theme, use of color, and especially originality.

Art can be of any subject related to Fair, Rodeo or Mason County or what 100 years of a fair might mean to you. The 2008 theme is -"Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future."

The prizes have an artistic theme; the grand prize includes a wooden art easel, art supplies and gift certificates for local merchants. There are various other prizes for all age groups including art portfolios, sketching kits and local gift certificates sponsored in part by local businesses and 94.5 Roxy.

The winning entries will be published on posters throughout Mason County and will be on display in the fine arts section at the Fair! Artists will also have the opportunity to enter their artwork in the fair for ribbons and premium rewards.

Artwork must be two dimensional (flat) and no larger than 8.5" X 11." Please put age on submission. You can mail your entry to: Fine Arts Superintendent, Mason County Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 2286, Shelton WA, 98584 or drop off at the Fairgrounds office: 751 W Fairgrounds Road off Highway 101. The contest closes June 15, 2008. Artists can reclaim their pieces Sunday, July 27 at the Fair.

For questions call Rachel at (360) 427-5599 or email info@masoncountyfair.org

The Mason County Fair and Rodeo is hosted each year at the Mason County Fairgrounds in Shelton WA. This event annually attracts 15,000 attendees with traditional county fair exhibits and entertainment. This year the fair is celebrating 100 years and invites all attendees to enjoy free gate admission. Rodeo admission is \$10 for adults; admission for the Trent Tomlinson concert on July 25 begins at just \$15. For details on this year's centennial event and to get further information on the youth art contest, please visit the fair website at www.masoncountyfair.org.